

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### North Slope Borough



The North Slope Borough encompasses an area of 89,000 square miles in northern Alaska. Nearly three-quarters of the borough's residents identify themselves as Alaska Natives, the majority Inupiat Eskimos. Barrow, the northernmost city in North America, is the economic, service, and administrative center of the region. Many local businesses provide support services to oil field operations. It is also the area's transportation hub, with jet service connecting to Anchorage. The North Slope is home to Alaska's major oil production facilities at Prudhoe Bay. The large number of non-resident workers are employed there.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 6,706, a loss of about 679 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 75 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Local Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 55 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners than any other occupation.

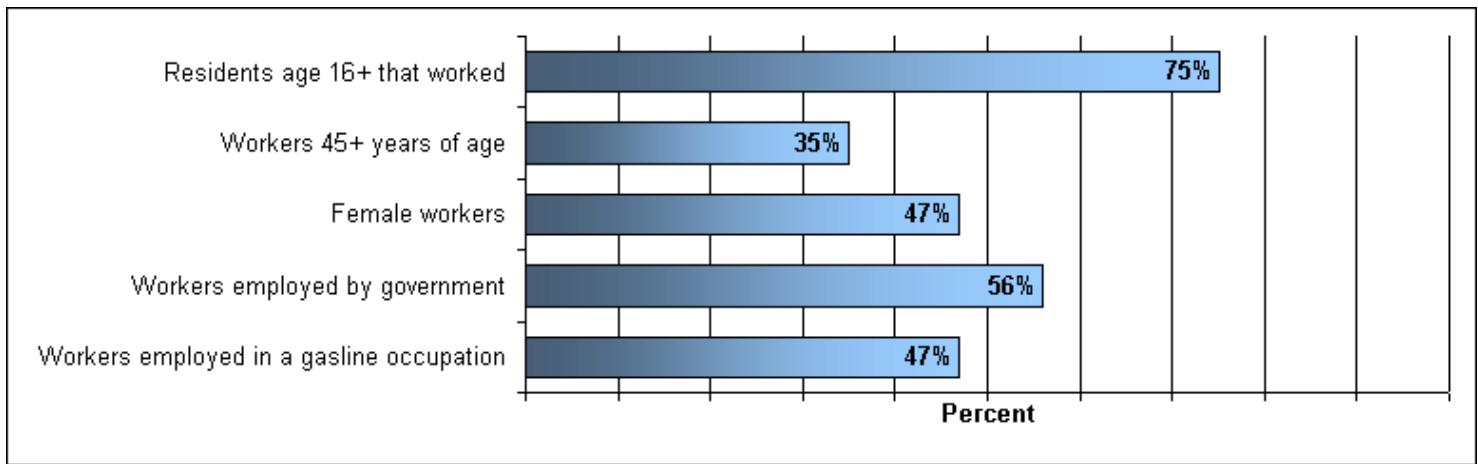
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

#### North Slope Borough Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	4,440	Total wages	\$108,978,948
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	3,317	Private	1,468
Male	1,755	State government	21
Female	1,559	Local government	1,828
Age 45+	1,169	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	782	Peak (3rd) quarter workers	2,838
		Percent working all 4 quarters	51.7%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	387	Some construction	866
		At least 1 year construction	337
		At least 2 years construction	162
New Hires		Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation	2,873
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## 2008 Residents

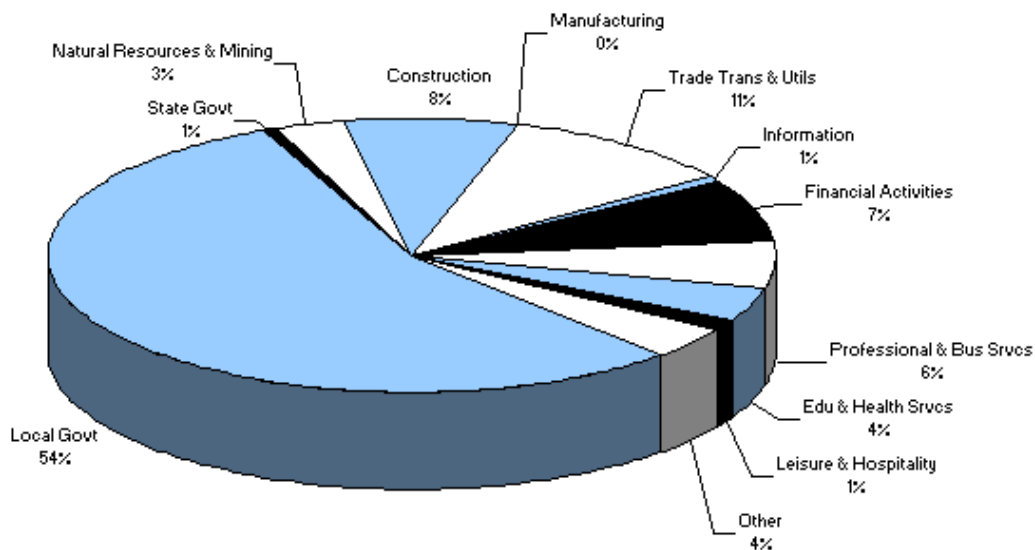


## Top Occupations

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>	168	23.8%	25	25.2%	9.0%
Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>	156	76.9%	11	43.3%	19.9%
Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	143	16.8%	22	57.7%	18.0%
Maintenance and Repair Workers, General <b>AGIA</b>	119	10.2%	33	26.6%	15.2%
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand <b>AGIA</b>	102	13.7%	17	64.2%	15.9%
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	79	98.7%	11	4.1%	13.4%
Retail Salespersons	72	43.1%	12	13.6%	13.6%
Teacher Assistants	72	83.3%	26	7.8%	15.5%
Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	70	94.3%	15	10.9%	4.7%
Cashiers	67	88.1%	6	21.3%	10.2%
Water and Liquid Waste Treatment Plant and System Operators <b>HOT JOB</b>	63	4.8%	4	17.4%	5.8%
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	62	3.2%	19	60.4%	24.7%
Information and Record Clerks, All Other	60	83.3%	13	44.0%	18.7%
Power Plant Operators <b>HOT JOB</b>	57	3.5%	14	5.7%	0.0%
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>	56	76.8%	11	49.1%	22.8%
Carpenters <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	50	4.0%	12	53.2%	23.6%
Education, Training, and Library Workers, All Other	48	43.8%	2	5.4%	8.1%
Recreation Workers	47	51.1%	5	10.9%	7.8%
Executive Secretaries and Administrative Assistants <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>	46	95.7%	12	45.3%	13.7%
First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Office and Administrative Support Workers <b>AGIA</b>	44	93.2%	13	16.9%	11.9%

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## Resident Workers by Industry



## Workers by Industry

	Those Who <b>Live</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2008)			Those Who <b>Work</b> in the Borough/Census Area (2007)	
	Number employed	Percent female	Age 50+	% Non-local	% Non-Alaska Residents
Natural Resources and Mining	105	21.0%	16	63.4%	35.4%
Construction	251	20.7%	58	56.2%	26.0%
Manufacturing	6	66.7%	1	37.5%	12.5%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	349	39.5%	60	42.0%	18.9%
Information	18	22.2%	6	46.0%	28.6%
Financial Activities	246	56.5%	66	15.1%	12.0%
Professional and Business Services	185	39.1%	32	64.4%	28.7%
Educational and Health Services	129	64.1%	40	32.4%	15.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	46	50.0%	8	79.4%	14.6%
State Government	21	85.7%	11	41.5%	9.4%
Local Government	1,828	50.0%	464	9.8%	9.8%
Other	128	69.5%	20	21.6%	24.3%

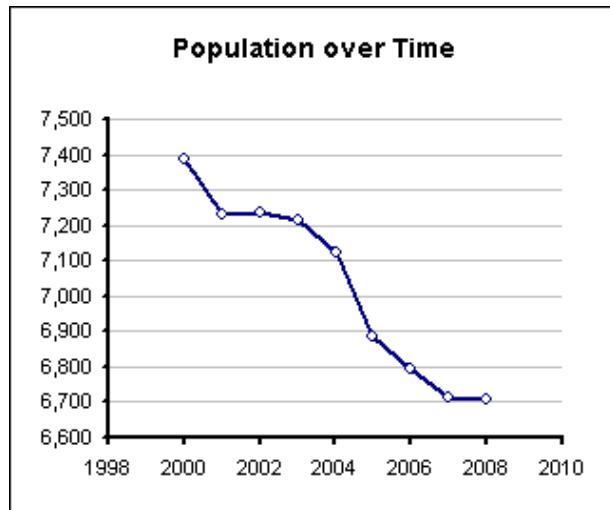
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Recent Unemployment Statistics				
	03/2009	04/2009	05/2009	06/2009
UI Claimants**	184	183	186	174
Unemployment Rate (Not seasonally adjusted)	5.0%	4.6%	5.0%	5.5%

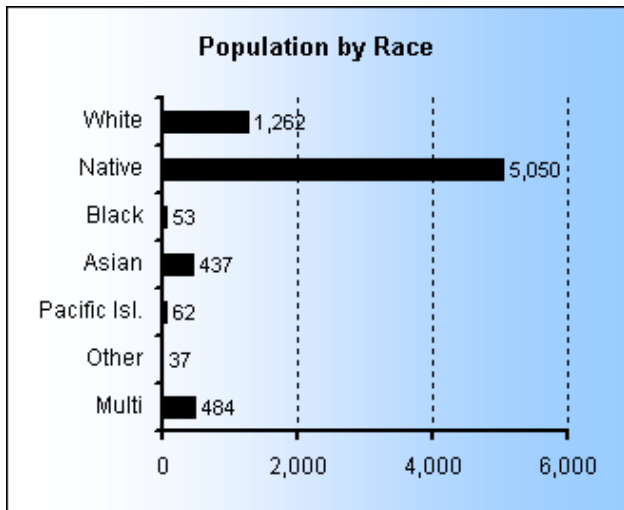
\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

## Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

N Slope Borough
North Slope Borough School
Harpoon Construction Group Inc
Arctic Slope Native Assoc Ltd
ILISAGVIK College
AK Commercial Co
ASRC Energy Services O&M Inc
Ukpeagvik Inupiat Corporation
Tikigaq Corporation
Barrow Utilities & Elec Coop



2000 Census	
Median Age	27
Average Family Size	4.0
Average Household Size	3.4
Per Capita Income	\$20,540
Median Family Income	\$63,810
Median Household Income	\$63,173



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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